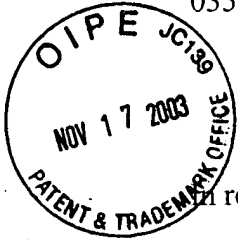


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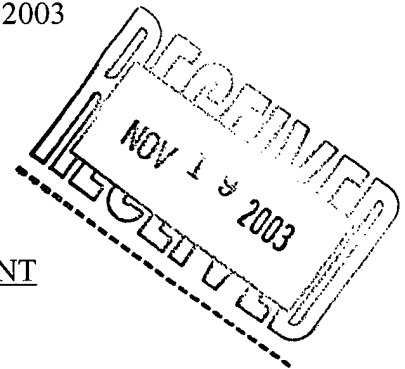
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,943,650
- (2) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0016921
- (3) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0049716
- (4) Japan 02-810033
- (5) Japan 07-089305

Documents (2) and (3) above have a common inventor with, and are commonly assigned with, the subject application.

Document (4) is discussed in the specification commencing at page 1, line 14 and document (5) is discussed in the specification commencing at page 1, line 21. These documents might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein. An English-language abstract for document (5) is enclosed. Document (1) is believed to be an English-language counterpart of document (4).

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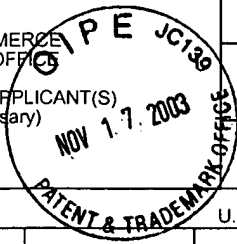
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